good revenue to Doordarshan. Utmost care is taken by Doordarshan while processing the new proposals with a view to bring in fresh concepts, treatment trends and programmes with high production values. In the present competitive market scenario, sponsored serials have to be much more than non-repetitive to survive in the market place.

Project of Dr. Ambedkar Memorial

5263. SHRI VEN DHAMMA VIRIYO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have released funds of Rs. 10 crores for the project of Dr. Ambedkar Memorial at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi during March 1997;

(b) if so, the action taken to acquire the land and property situated at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi and to construct Dr. Ambedkar Memorial thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Out of Rs. 10 crores, an amount of Rs. 7.12 crores was released to the Government of NCT of Delhi to acquire the land and property situated at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi. The Govt. of NCT of Delhi issued an order to acquire the land under Land Acquisition Act. The owners of the property have challenged the order for acquisition in the High Court of Delhi and the matter is pending in the Court.

Reports of NCSK

5264. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1928 in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 1999 and State:

(a) whether Government have presented the reports of the Commission to Parliament;

(b) if not, by when it will be presented;

(c) whether Government have received any further report from the Commission;

(d) if so, the extent to which these have been found helpful;

(e) the extent to which Government have been benefited by the setting up of the Commission and the activities undertaken by it, so far; and

(f) what decision Government have taken for reconstituting the Commission after expiry of its present tenure on April 7, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Government have received four reports of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis. First and Second Reports for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively of the Commission along with the Action Taken Memoranda have already been laid on the table of the House. The Third and Fourth Reports for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 (combined) and 1998-99 and 1999-00 (combined) respectively, have also been received recently. The main aim of the Commission is upliftment of Safai Karamcharis. From the reports, the Government receive inputs regarding various issues relating to the Safai Karamcharis.

(f) The validity of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis is upto 2002. The tenure of the 6 members of the Commission expired in April 2000. The tenure of one Member is upto July 2000. The Government is yet to take a decision on the reconstitution of the Commission.

Implementation of Article 15 (4) and 16 (4) of the Constitution

5265. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated action to enact a law for effective implementation of the provisions of Article 15 (4) and 16 (4) of the constitution as recommended by Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee in 1993;

(b) if so, the progress achieved in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for delay implementation of the said recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE